# **United States Environmental Protection Agency** Region V **POLLUTION REPORT**

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Subject: Initial

All City Environmental Services Site

Cicero Avenue and Interstate-55, Cicero, IL

Latitude: 41.8197515 Longitude: -87.7451420

POLREP No.:

Site #:

**Reporting Period:** 

9/25/09 - 9/26/09

D.O. #:

**Start Date:** 

9/25/2009

**Response Authority:** 

Mob Date:

9/25/2009

Response Type:

Emergency

**Demob Date:** 

**NPL Status:** 

Non NPL

**Completion Date:** 

**Incident Category:** 

**CERCLIS ID #:** 

Contract #

RCRIS ID#:

### **Site Description**

On Friday September 25, 2009, Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) received a call that an oil spill had occurred along the Sanitary Ship Canal at Cicero Avenue. The spill property is City Wide Disposal (CWD) located on the NW corner of Cicero Avenue and the Sanitary Ship Canal (5001 W 40th Street) in Cicero, Illinois.

CWD rents out space in their parking lot for other companies trucks to park. All City Environmental Services, Inc (ACES) rents a space along the southern boundary of the CWD property. According to the potential responsible parties (PRPs), the ACES vacuum truck was full of product and parked their vehicle for overnight on Thursday September 24, 2009. On Friday September 25, 2009, the PRPs noticed the truck was empty and that an oily product was along the embankment of the canal. IEPA received the call and notified the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) of the spill. USEPA notified Weston Solutions, Inc (WESTON®) Superfund Technical Assessment Response Team (START) of the emergency response. According to USEPA and IEPA personnel, visible sheen on the canal was noticed approximately 3 miles downstream of the spill incident (near the Harlem Avenue bridge).

The PRPs have employed the services of HAZCHEM Environmental Corporation (HAZCHEM) to conduct the cleanup activities.

#### **Current Activities**

September 25, 2009:

-WESTON START collected a product sample from the vacuum truck involved in the spill. This sample will be analyzed for VOC, SVOC, PCB, metals, TPH, flashpoint.

- -START collected two samples of pooled material on the ground surface of the canal embankment. These samples are being analyzed for VOC, SVOC, PCB, metals, TPH, flashpoint.
- -START collected two soil samples of material located west of the spill site. These samples are being analyzed for VOC, SVOC, PCB, metals, TCLP metals.
- -Samples were hand delivered to STAT Laboratory in Chicago, IL for 48 hour analysis.
- -HAZCHEM placed absorbent pads over the visibly impacted ground surface areas. OilDry was also used in these areas. Boom was not deployed due to safety issues: steepness of embankment, inaccessibility to water from embankment, and darkness).

## September 26, 2009:

- -HAZCHEM employed the services of RW Collins Co for an excavator.
- -Four 15 cubic yard and one 8 cubic yard rolloff box were filled with material from the excavation of visibly impacted material along the canal embankment. The rolloff boxes will be staged onsite until disposal is arranged.
- -HAZCHEM deployed absorbent boom in the area of the spill site.
- -WESTON START collected four surface water samples from the canal. Two samples were located upstream of the spill site on the north and south side of the canal. One sample was located at the spill site on the north side of the canal. One sample was located downstream of the spill site on the north side of the canal. These samples are being analyzed for VOC, SVOC, PCB, metals, and TPH.
- -Samples were hand delivered to STAT Laboratory in Chicago, IL for 48 hour analysis.

## September 27, 2009:

USEPA, IEPA, and the PRP continued to monitor the release of oily waste to the Sanitary and Ship Canal. Rain and high winds are predicted for today. The boom configuration will be re-evaluted and containment boom may be added tomorrow if necessary. Analytical results are expected tomorrow and Tuesday. When analytical results are received, the soil cleanup levels will be established and clearance sampling activities will be discussed.

#### **Next Steps**

- -Review laboratory results once received
- -Soil clearance sampling
- -Rolloff box removal and disposal.

#### **Estimated Costs \***

	Budgeted	Total To Date	Remaining	% Remaining
Extramural Costs				
Intramural Costs				
Total Site Costs	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%

<sup>\*</sup> The above accounting of expenditures is an estimate based on figures known to the OSC at the time this report was written. The OSC does not necessarily receive specific figures on final payments made to any contractor(s). Other financial data which the OSC must rely upon may not be entirely up-to-date. The cost accounting provided in this report does not necessarily represent an exact monetary figure which the government may include in any claim for cost recovery.

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